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Suggested Questions for Mrs. Ruth Paine

March 17, 1964

Time of Day - Afternoon

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| How did you happen to choose Russian as a foreign languange you wanted to learn? | ✓ |
| Have you had a special admiration for the Russian system or philosphy? | ✓ |
| Have you ever studied Karl Marx --read the Manisfesto or Das Kaital? | ✓ |
| Would you consider yourself a Communist? | ✓ |
| Would you consider yourself sympathic to Russaia? | ✓ |
| What were your activities in connection with the American Civil Liberties Union? | ✓ |
| Did you ever discuss this organization with Lee Oswald? | ✓ |
| Did you ever counsel him on what help that organization might be to him if he was in trouble? | ✓ |
| Oswald is reputed to have said after he was apprehended that he wanted to contact an attorney by the name of Abt in NY. Is this someone whose name he learned through you and your activities? | ✓ |
| When you first met Marina, how much English did she actually know? | ✓ |
| At that time how fluent were you in Russian? | ✓ |
| How fluent was Lee Harvey Oswald? | ✓ |
| How long had you been studying Russian? | ✓ |
| How would you rate your degree of fluency with Oswalds? | ✓ |
| Give us an exact chronology of all the contacts you had with Marina Oswald: | ✓ |
| 1) Her first stay with you. | ✓ |
| 2) Your trip to pick her up in New Orleans. | ✓ |
| 3) The priodr from your picking her up in New Orleans until her leaving you to go to Martins. | ✓ |
| Tell us everything you learned about Oswald's soujourn in Russia --FIRST from direct state-ments you heard him make, and secondly but separately from things Marina said. | ✓ |

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| There is some confusion from different witnesses about the extremity of domestic tension that developed between Marina and Lee. Will you tell us all you know about this. How "difficult" was the situation and how much brutality do you know about on Lee's part toward Marina? | ✓ |
| Do you think of Marina as having perhaps been at fault to some degree in provoking Lee's outbursts? | ✓ |
| We all know that Russian people are considered to have somewhat a different approach to "truth" as we know it, and that all through Russian literature there is an element of the exaggerated and bizarre. How would you describe Marina Oswald? Would you say that her "sense of truth" was the same as yours and mine, or did it have a somewhat different character? | ✓ |
| Did she ever express to you fear of Oswald? | ✓ |
| Did she ever express to you a fear that he might do something "crazy"? | ✓ |
| Did she ever mention to you that Lee had anything to do with the Walker incident? | ✓ |
| Are you aware of bring a gun back from New Orleans wrapped in a blanket? | ✓ |
| Did you know of Lee's activity with the Cuba freedom group? Did Marina ever mention it to you, or did you see anything in your local papers about it? | ✓ |
| What is your personal attitude toward the Castro regime? Do you consider it liberal or reactionary? | ✓ |
| Did you know anything about Lee's trip to Mexico? | ✓ |
| What do you assume he was doing after Marina returned with you from New Orleans? | ✓ |
| Do you have theletter Marina wrote you asking for helpix in returning from New Orleans? | ✓ |
| How industrious would you say Marina Oswald was during the periods she lived with you? | ✓ |
| Did she ordinarily rise at an early or late hour? | ✓ |
| Did she ever to your knowledge receive correspondence? | ✓ |
| Did she ever show you any correspondence she recieved? | ✓ |
| Would you consider that Marina retained any Communist sympathies since leaving Russia? | ✓ |
| Did she ever tell you anything about her youth, education, family, affairs, and final courtship with Lee? | ✓ |

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Special Note:

On page 1535 of Robert Oswald's testimony he says that he felt the Paine's must have somehow been involved with Lee in the events of November 22. This is only a "feeling" he had and an instinctive dislike of the Paine's. However, this needs to be probed so as to cover this question on the record:

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| Did Lee and Paine's take part in any activities not heretofore revealed? | X |
| Did they attend any meetings together? If, so, for what purpose. | X |
| Name all the friends and associates, even acquaintances they had in common... | X |
| Explore here any possibilities of concernted action or interests. | X |
| Page 1454 --Robert describes how "split" between Marina and Mrs. Paine came about. Get Mrs. Paine's version. | X |
| Notes From FBI Supplement | |
| p. 12 Mrs. Paine gets Lee job at Book Depository. | X |
| Was his employment there purely coincidental? | X |
| p. 23 Tells of gun in Paine garage. | X |
| Did Mrs. Paine ever inspect this bundle? | X |
| p30-31 FBI's biography of Mrs. Paine. Important here to check her Russian connections as recited on p.31. | X |
| Was her Quaker connection the only connection? | X |
| Did Mrs. Paine know anything about Lee's income? | X |
| Notes from FBI Report (original) | |
| p.4 Did Oswald mention curtain rods to Paine? | X |
| p.20 The Dallas City Map Mrs. Paine gave Lee? Is the exhibit the one she gave him? | X |
| p.40 FBI finds Marina Oswald living with Mrs. Paine --check the facts on this page. | X |
| p.67-73 Check these facts against testimony. | X |